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Dear Parents

At Christian Montessori School, parent involvement is essential and has a significant impact on our children's classrooms as well as the greater school community. We depend heavily on our talented parent population. Whatever your interests- cooking, gardening, writing, technology- we need your special abilities. Your contractual participation in 20 hours of volunteerism is referred to as "Parent Co-op" as it is a cooperative effort to provide helping hands of service to our school, which will benefit all of our children.

Attached, you will find a list of Co-op Job Descriptions, and a Co-op Participation Agreement. Please read through this material and prayerfully contemplate where you might be interested in serving. You may choose to give hours toward general school support, in special areas of interest to you, or that are related to your occupation. The Participation/ Agreement and Selection forms are required to be turned in to us prior to the first day of school.

Many valuable contributions of time and talent are made because parents wish to be supportive of their child's classroom activities. We appreciate your services to the classroom but ask that you consider spreading out your hours to serve the broader school community as well. Co-op hours may be reported for any of the services listed on the Co-op Job Descriptions. Hours may also be reported for requests made through your child's teacher for additional services to the class (i.e. cleaning, supervision of garden care, etc.) **Please note that Parent of the Week responsibilities do count toward hours (2 hours per occurrence) and a maximum of 2 hours per fieldtrip of chaperoning may be claimed.** Other examples of participation that may not be reported for Co-op hours are: attending classroom parties or other celebrations, attending school meetings, curriculum nights, or parent education workshops. The exception to this is Elementary overnight fieldtrips, in which case, you may claim all hours. There are opportunities to provide "in kind" services to the school in lieu of served hours. If you are a business owner, independent contractor, or dealer of any services, which the school may benefit from, you can trade hours for those services. Examples of this might include restaurant owners who will cater a donation, landscapers, painters etc. **Lastly, if you foresee not having anytime to physically volunteer any or only a portion of the required 20 hours, you may opt to pay the \$10 (per hour) fee.** Please let us know if you are interested in doing this on your Co-op Agreement. The Parent Co-Op Coordinator will be in touch with you shortly after the school year begins to answer any questions you may have.

We are excited for your involvement this year. We appreciate your efforts to pour into the lives of our children. It truly does take a village to raise a child. We are grateful that you are a part of the CMSLN village.

Sincerely,

Sonya A. Curry